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Issue Date:

02/17/2015

Effective Date:

October 1, 2014

Purpose:

To notify Family Resource Center (FRC) staff of changes to the maximum asset limit for CalWORKs families in the CalWORKs Program.

Background:

CalWORKs families are allowed to retain countable resources in an amount equal to the amount allowed by the CalFresh program regulations.

Policy Change:

The resource limit for CalWORKs families has increased from \$2,000 to \$2,250 effective October 1, 2014.

Summary of Changes:

CPG 42-200.B.1 Property Resource Limit

- Updated the maximum resource limits
- Reformatted section and removed obsolete and unnecessary information

Changes to the CPG are noted with highlighted text.

Impacts:

Automation:

CalWIN changes to reflect these new regulations are in progress and scheduled to be updated soon.

Eligibility Worker Actions:

Due to the delay in receiving this regulation change from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), some AUs may have been denied or discontinued for excess resources since October 2014. If a worker finds that an AU was denied cash aid or has had their cash aid discontinued as a result of exceeding the \$2,000 resource limit, the worker must re-evaluate eligibility for the AU and restore any benefits that would have been authorized under the increased resource limit as of October 1, 2014.

Additionally, if the county has collected or is currently collecting an overpayment (OP) based on excess resources for AUs fitting this description for any period after September 30, 2014, the worker must review the case to determine if the AU was actually under the \$2,250 resource limit, and if so, immediately cancel the OP and return any funds collected pursuant to CPG 44-350.K.

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Management Report:

A Management Report (MR) is also being provided to the FRCs to review potentially impacted cases. Workers must re-evaluate eligibility for any impacted cases, as stated above.

Programs Affected:

Refer to the following CalFresh Program cites for their property regulations:

• CalFresh 63-201.2, 63-1101.1

Quality Control:

Quality Control will cite the appropriate error when the regulations cited in this program material have not been followed.

References:

EAS 42-207.2 ACL 14-107

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by February 28, 2018

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Approval for Release:

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